



## **IEN Technical Advisory Committee**

February 1, 2012

(Approved by Committee April 4, 2012)

The February 1, 2012 meeting of the IEN Technical Advisory Committee was held in the Basement Conference Room, LBJ Building, 650 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Members/Alternates Present:**

Jerry Reininger (Chair), Meridian School District  
Greg Zickau (Co-Chair), OCIO  
Brady Kraft, IEN  
Jerry Piper, Cambridge Telephone Co. (phone)  
Chris Gibson, Jerome School District (VTC)  
Gens Johnson (alternate for Ann Joslin, State Librarian)  
Ryan Gravette, IDLA

#### **Others Present:**

Keith Murphy, CenturyLink  
Mike Vance, ENA  
Mark Westcott, CWI (VTC)  
Bob Gibson, NIC (VTC)  
Cliff Green, IEN  
Garry Lough, IEN  
Julie Best, IEN  
Mike Costa, IEN  
Sally Brevick, OCIO  
Debra Stephenson-Padilla, IEN

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Jerry Piper moved and Gens Johnson seconded a motion to approve minutes of the meeting held December 7, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

### **IEN STANDARD VTC'S (Brady Kraft)**

Brady Kraft noted that over the past 2½ years, the IEN has deployed 4 versions of codecs/VTC configurations for the schools, and spent numerous hours ensuring compliance with other units located in higher education, virtual schools, etc. ENA has purchased and trained on these IEN VTC systems to provide great technical support to the schools in a timely manner. IEN's concern is that a few schools have purchased units different to these and then contacted ENA to connect these non-standard units to the IEN. The Committee will need to consider how this should be addressed in the future.

### **CONNECTIVITY UPDATE (Brady Kraft)**

Brady reported that there are now 22 additional locations that have become IEN-eligible, and have been identified to ENA for inclusion on this year's E-rate application. By the end of the fiscal year, there will be 216 schools connected to the network.

Brady commented that connected schools are constantly being monitored to determine whether an increase in bandwidth is needed. CenturyLink has migrated several schools to metro-Ethernet which has resulted in a monthly cost savings to the IEN. A recent change in E-rate law has made some of the higher education institutions E-rate eligible. These connections will be completed by July 1.

Gens Johnson inquired about the possibility of libraries entering into the E-rate consortium for FY2013. Greg commented that the IEN is not statutorily authorized to connect libraries, but there is a public

agency clause that will allow libraries to work with CenturyLink and ENA to work out connections. Mike Vance noted that ENA has and can work with libraries that are located inside, and share a network with a school. Brady noted that the libraries file for their own E-rate funding and can buy off the IEN contract, and should file appropriate paperwork now for next fiscal year's funding.

#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING – GOALS FOR NEXT 6 MONTHS (Greg Zickau)**

Greg informed the Committee that plans are in process for renewing provider contracts, and what will occur during the next 5 years. The RFP process would start in 2013. Service providers are aware of this plan.

#### **ENA/CENTURYLINK UPDATE**

- Metro E – Keith Murphy noted that CenturyLink will be installing a switch in Blackfoot which gives the ability of Metro-E services. Rexburg and Burley are also on the list for Metro-E.
- Monthly dashboard - Mike Vance reported that everything is going smoothly – minimal outages; timely resolutions.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debra Stephenson-Padilla".

Debra Stephenson-Padilla